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1. TRYBUNA LUDU (DECEMBER 11-12) REPORTED THE NATO MINISTERS' REJECTION OF THE WARSAW PACT BUCHAREST PROPOSALS IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "NATO AGAINST THE PROPOSITIONS OF DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT OF THE WARSAW PACT-DECISION AGAINST THE ASPIRATIONS OF NATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING SECURITY AND PEACE." THE ARTICLE SAID THE COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO SECTIONS OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE CSCE RESOLUTIONS TO "DILUTE THE NEGATIVE IMPRESSION MADE ON PUBLIC OPINION." IT SAID THE UNITED STATES "PARTICULARLY INSISTS" ON SPANISH ADMISSION TO NATO.

2. THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATED THAT THE WESTERN "STANDSTILL POSITION" DEMANDING ASYMMETRICAL FORCE REDUCTIONS WAS A SIGN THAT NO CHANGES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AT THE VIENNA MBFR TALKS. MOREOVER, NATO'S DECISION TO INCREASE ITS MILITARY POTENTIAL WAS "DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE" WITH THE EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT EAST-WEST RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AT A SATISFACTORY PACE.

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3. IN A RELATED ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL (DECEMBER 11-12), KAROL SZYNDZIELORZ COMPLAINED THAT THE WORDING OF NATO COMMUNIQUE HAS NOT CHANGED FOR TWO YEARS. "SOMEHOW THE CHANGES IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD HAVEN'T REACHED THE MINISTERS' CONSCIOUSNESS", HE SAID. HE CONTINUED THAT THE WARSAW PACT PROPOSALS WERE REJECTED WITH "STUPEFYING VIGOR" AND ADDED THAT THE NATO LEADERSHIP SEES A "POLITICAL FREEZE-UP" AS THE BEST MEANS OF CEMENTING ITS ALLIANCE. FINALLY, HE SAID THE NATO MEETING WAS "STRIKING DISSONANCE IN A YEAR WHICH BROUGHT SO MUCH NEW AND GOOD IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD."
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